Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program



"SAFER"

Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant

History

- Decisions leading up to grant submission
 - Continued decline in County Fire Funding
 - Continued decline in Volunteer Retention
 - Continued difficulties in Recruiting new volunteer

Goal

 Provide a funding source for Recruitment of new Volunteers

 Provide a funding source for Retention of existing Volunteers

 Provide a funding source for Training of new and existing Volunteers.

- Grant was submitted for Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters
- Grant request included funding for the following,
 - > Recruitment
 - ➤ Required Recruit Training
 - ➤ Incident Responses
 - ➤ Monthly Training Drills

Grant Award received in 2011

Grant Award is valued at \$510,455.00 over a 4 yr.



100 % Federally Funded, No matching fund required

Recruitment

- Grant will provide funding for Recruitment of New Volunteers through a marketing plan to include:
 - > Direct Mailings, to educate residents on their Fire Department.
 - ➤ Creation of multiple Open House event at each of the County Fire Stations to invite community/ potential new volunteers to our Fire Stations.
 - > Advertisements in local newsletter and newspaper giving insight on the fire department and the need for volunteer.
 - Advertisement of Open House event in newsletters and newpapers

Retention

- Grant will provide funding for the Retention of current and future Volunteers by,
 - Provide Funding for all firefighters under a Paid-Per-Call system. (Paid Call Firefighters)
 - Provide Funding for monthly training drills.
 - Provide Funding for required training for new recruits and current firefighters.

"SAFER GRANT" Funding

Grant funding is over a 4 yr period

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• First yr. = $109,988.00
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• Second yr. = $120,987.00
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• Third yr. = $133,086.00
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• Fourth yr. = \$146,394.00

Total fund = \$510,455.00

Questions?